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the children and their irrede, who were

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louggested that each buy and girl go to

Work this summer and then something.

from gardening or wiher work, so that

teach could hand into the school fund

this fall one or mure dollars, the idee

being to make a permanent list in the

new high school of the lays and girls

who had contributed some of their

earnings for this fund. They also sug-

gested an Old Home Week to get back

the boys and kirls who used to attend

the district whools, in the hope of get-

ting subscriptions frum them. This is

proving a fertile field of support. Fur-

ther, many individuals in the lown

have been so impressed by the chil-

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the fund generously when the project

This is extremely gratifying, partic-

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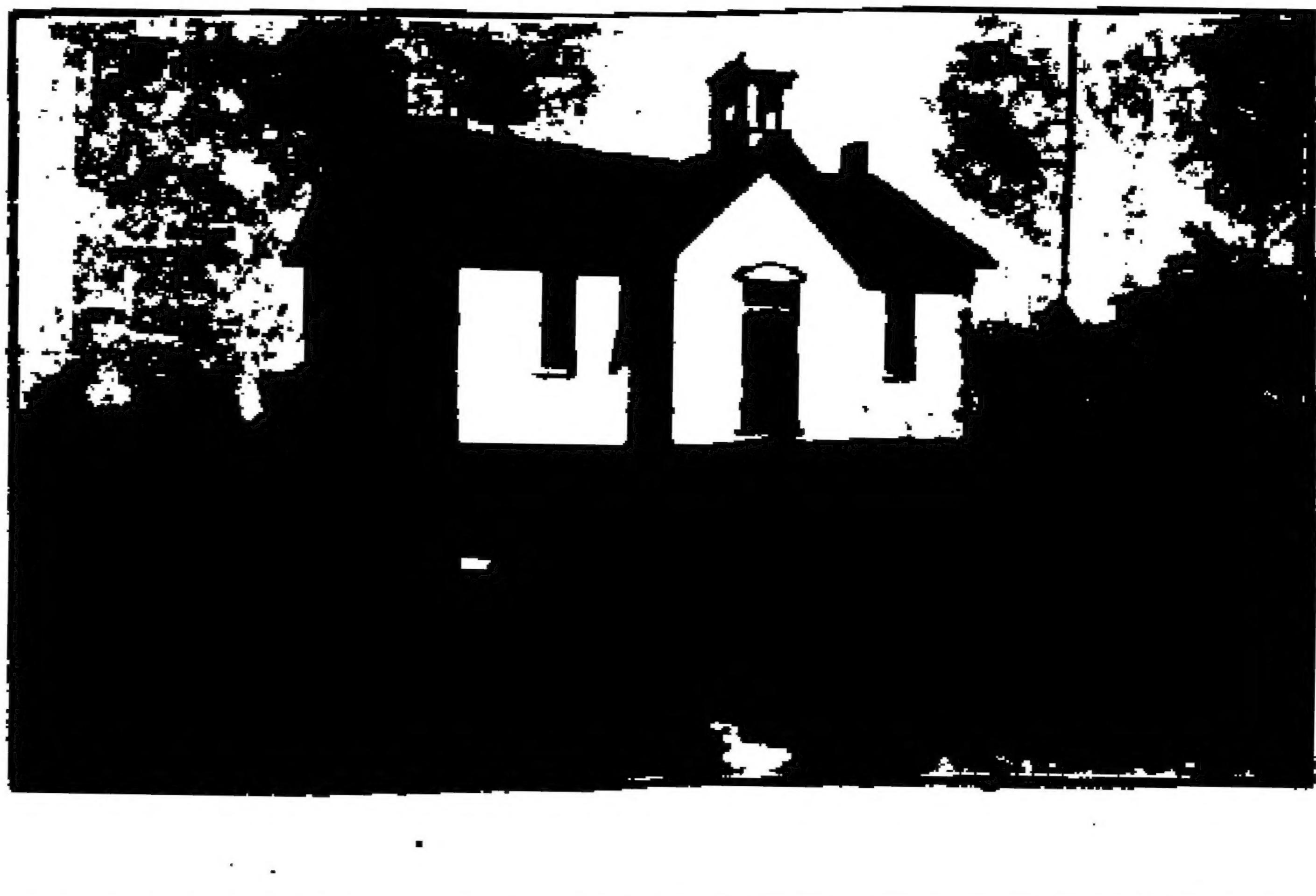
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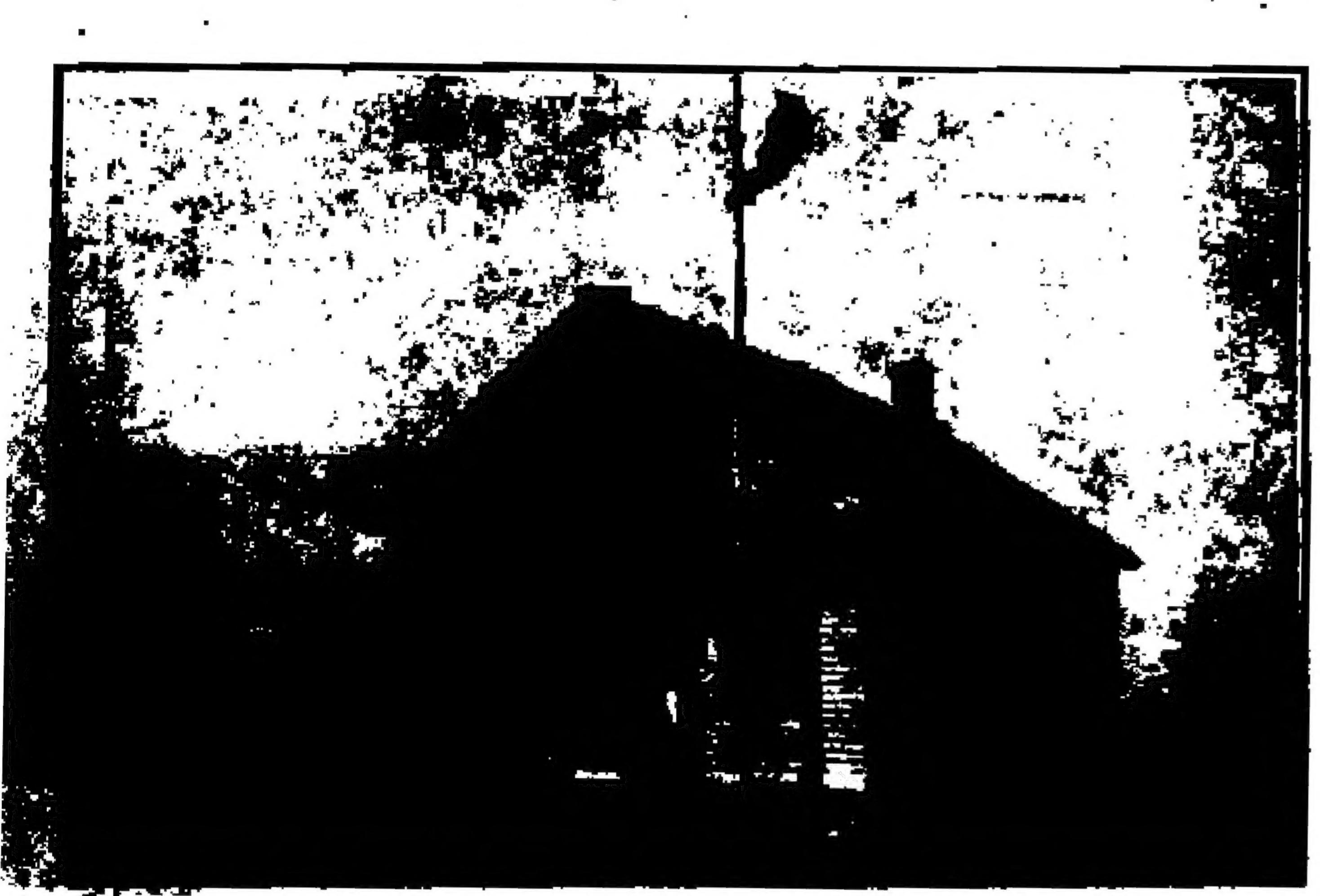
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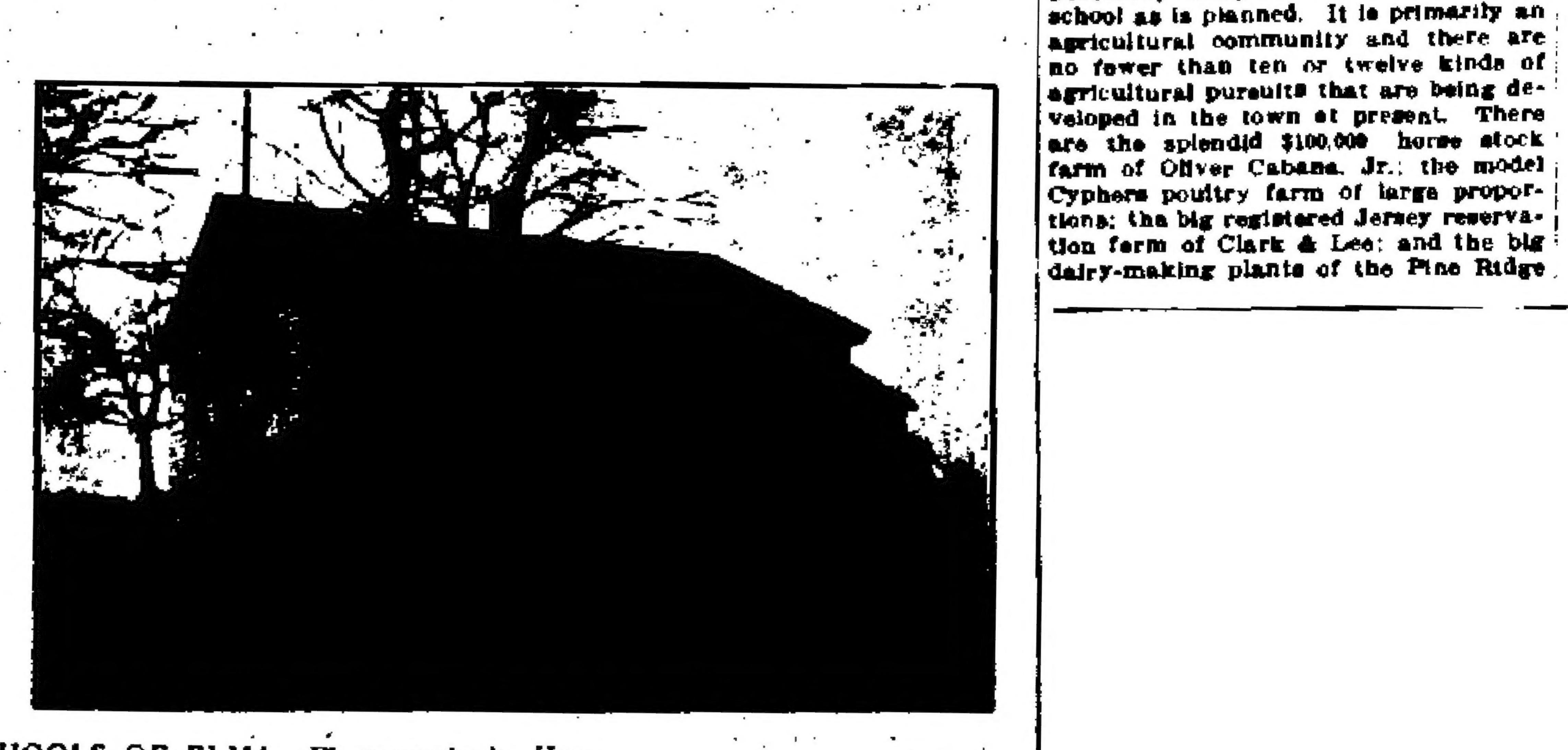












SOME OF THE PRESENT DISTRICT SCHOOLS OF ELMA.-Photographs by Hare. An enterprise is on foot at Elma to consolidate the district schools and erect a modern high school in the village, with agricultural, domesscience and manual training courses.

## WORKING FOR

Children of the Town of Elona are Carring on a Campaign.

WHAT THEY DESIRE

Branches of Local Value.

esteeste) them is good enough for their they did with good results. propertion of district school litth and lith, as two litms school days, children who feel that they have been and planned for something going on nonlinesed long enough. It seems these every minute. The biggest building in district action bors and girls bave been the contral part of the town, the village conting together once a year for the church, was picked for the main scene test few years and have now begun to of action. The celebration opened in realists their power and are organising the afternoon with an exhibit of disto their rights—that is for an trict school work, drawings, maps, ea-Blance high achout at home with modern says, designs, models, writing photocomment and equipment with agricult graphs, charts, etc., all made by the intell training charges and domestic pupils. The showing purprised everypersonee instruction, night school, it one and set them thinking. For the the lectures inburatory and a play- evening the annual speaking contest The chibiren have certainly had been widely advertised, along with

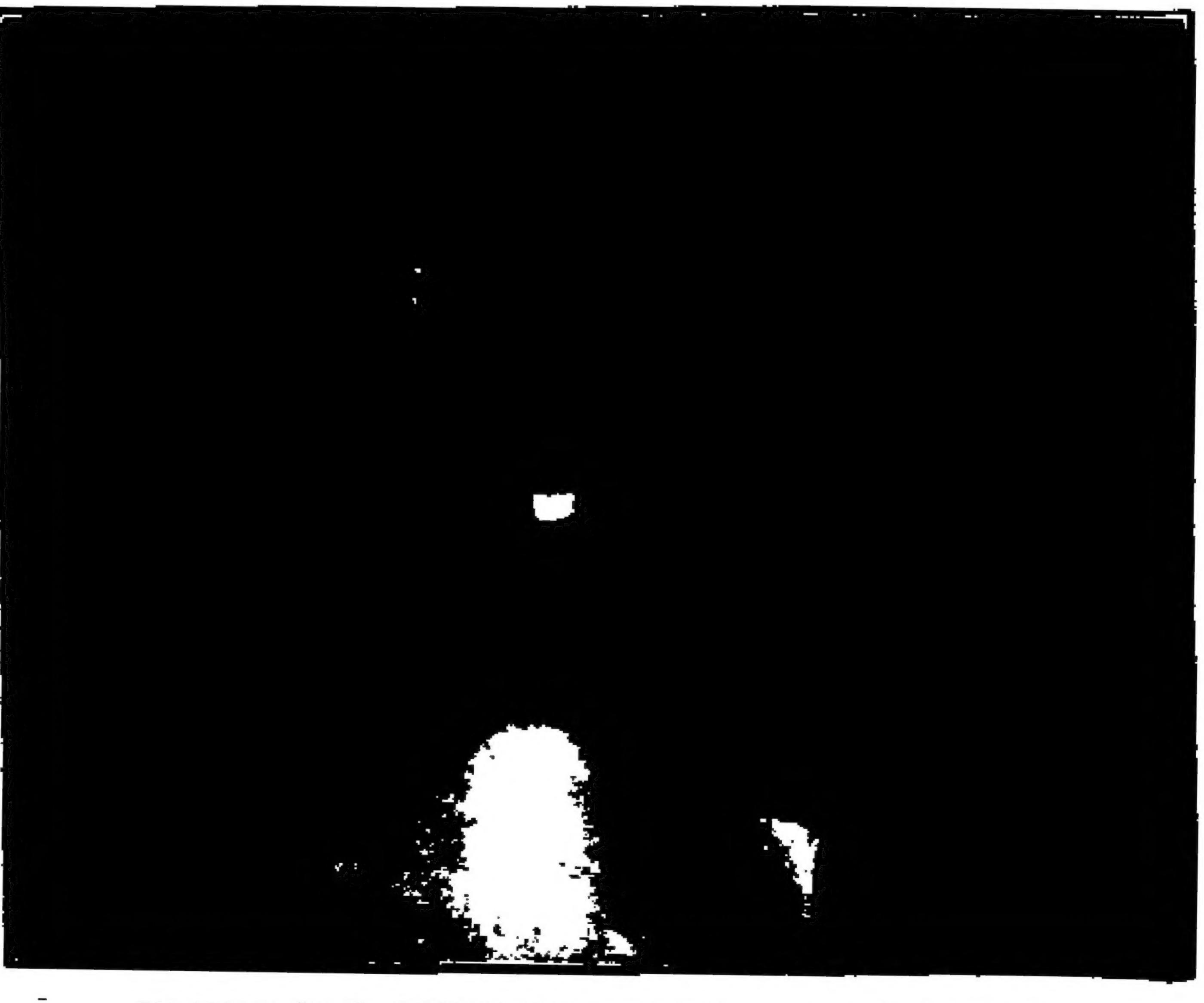
acquainted with some or alt of the chil- picture of the kind of high school the hand and before the morning was over dren of another district, and town-jehildren wanted and what a big bene- a general site for the new high school school topics came up for attention at fit it would be, not only for the young had been suggested by the superintenthese annual gatherings. It was not people, but also for the men and wom- dent and a practical plan had been outlong before the teachers became inter- en of the town. The result was in lined for consolidating most of the tested and it very soon began to dawn short. that this big meeting anthus- school districts under a general board; upon the consciousness of both teachers isstically pledged lis support to the of education, so that a union graded and students that the Mina district' high-school movement. A collection for school with high school facilities and schools, for the most part, were miles the high-school fund, which had been agricultural courses could be estabbehind the times. It shot became ap- started in one of the earlier contests, linked, with plenty of ground for school were in a desperate struggle between journed and amounted to meets the The cumrict superintendent, with every the vinorial of their parents as about them? "The Next Bay, Saturday, the children's teacher of every district and all those; bome at work, doing chores and farm- organisation followed up the advan- present, spoke in favor of this plan. tog on the one hand, and the struggle tages gained the first day with a morn-. There was not a dissenting voice, Elma, May 11,-1t was at the close of for learning to be got out of a cold. Ing conference of taschers and grown- Not content with this, the campaignthe price speaking contest at Elma, as barren schoolheuse under the leadership of the county ers planned an afternoon of subjette the sownfork in large numbers, farmers than of a single teacher who had to scat- school superintendent, who had been uports on the school field they had sesad their tamilies, were pouring out let her efforts over some \$6 or 60 pupils. made aware that the Elma boys and cured near the proposed bigh school of the village church, that a stranger, un the other hand. Even the children this meant business. There was an site, and in the presence of some 160 who happened in said to a villager: could see that they were getting viry earnest discussion of the situation at enthusiastic children, teachers and "Who is behind thite movement for a little training and small belp for the tres community high school that has swift competition of modern life. Equalbelow bold of Elima so strongly? "Wby," : ly plain to them was it that the city beather the villager. "It's the pchoot boys and girls had every kind of modcharacter of the town that have ern high-school instruction, including this investment and are going training for a trade, brought to their the backs it win. Further," be conlinu- very doors simost for the saking. It with management part of it all to that seemed most unfair, and this year chilthe old folks who have been coying high dren, teachers and other friends comtaken and mying that the old district, bined to put the matter up equarely to missed which educated (or falled to their elders in the true light, and this bers are being sidetracked by the They set Friday and Salurday. May

and the movement going and are at it the openy contest on the general subi sect. Why Etma Needs a High School. The stranger investigated and found This was combined with a short conthe facts to be about this way. Bome cort Admission was free and you few feers ago a friend of the schools should have seen the people turn out. started an annual prize-speaking con- Long before the exercises began, the test, open to all the ten district schools, church was packed and many were diswhich was held first to one section of appointed and not oble to get in. Bethe town and then in another. Gradu- form the meeting closed, speakers had ally the children of one school became presented to the audience as attractive

purent that the Hime boys and girls was taken up before the meeting ad- : grounds, athletic field and Nature work.

Creamery and of Cole & Fish: the Berner borticultural plant on Clinton street; the large dairy, truck garden and potato farms. The new school. therefore, with its model courses in agriculture and the opportunities for employment which its different local! agricultural establishments afford. make a strong inducement to boys and girls of surrounding towns coming to Firms for agricultural training. When one recognizes that the average salary received by the first-year graduate of an agricultural college today in the U ed States to nearty \$1,200, one realtree that the opportunity for service in these lines is enormous. The projectors uf the high school consider also the epiendid tertile farms that lie in the beautiful Buffalo valley through East Elma and the picturesque spots along Caronovia creek in Springbrook where are cituated some of the richest garden and berry farms of Erie country. They declare the location in Plms township

elmost ideal for this work. At any rate, the experiment le an interesting one and many a town in our country will wait with interest to see what the children can accomplish in forcing improved school facilities from their eldera



IN THE OLD COUNTRY SCHOOL: THE ENTRY. How many men and women in the city do not remember hanging their coats up in such a place, or drinking at the water pail?



trands. a spinnaid lot of athletic games i and a baseball game between the north! and south schools were tun off. The cernectness of the children and the in-